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To #5: Please notify Mr. Gerard's office direct,
with info to ES, the name(s) of CIA's reps.

ES rec'd att ltr 1 Oct '87.

Executive Secretary

2 Oct '87

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United States Department of State

*Under Secretary of State for
Security Assistance, Science and Technology*

Washington, D. C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Gates:

Establishment of the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) in April 1987 represented a major milestone in U.S. Government efforts to stem the spread of nuclear-capable missile technologies. This was a noteworthy event. We are faced now, however, with implementing and extending the Regime, an all-important new phase which will determine if the Regime will be viable over the long-term.

This phase will be difficult as we attempt to keep our Allies on board, coordinate our own actions, deal with inappropriate export activities and bring other countries into the Regime. To accomplish this, we will need to work even more effectively than before, both within the USG and with other governments. This calls for improving our interagency procedures for export case processing related to missile technology, resolving policy differences, providing guidelines for diplomatic action, and for regularizing the involvement of the Intelligence Community in the MTCR process.

To facilitate these efforts, in accordance with NSDD 70 ("Nuclear Weapon Delivery Systems: Missile Technology Transfer Policy"), I have asked the Assistant Secretary of State for Politico-Military Affairs (PM) to form an MTCR Interagency Group (MTCR-IG). This IG will be chaired by the Assistant Secretary (or his/her designee) and is charged with coordinating strategy and approaches for regime expansion, coordinating demarches to foreign governments on inappropriate export activities, receiving of and tasking for Intelligence Community input, and developing and implementing policies and procedures for the Missile Technology Control Regime, to include review, resolution of or recommendations on contentious licensing cases.

The Honorable
Robert M. Gates,
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

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The MTCR-IG will be composed of representatives from the Department of State (DoS), Department of Defense (DoD), Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Department of Commerce (DoC), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA), the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), and the National Security Council (NSC). The Chairman may invite other agencies and offices to attend when appropriate. I would appreciate your informing the Assistant Secretary (PM) of who your agency's IG principal will be.

The CIA, as the representative of the Intelligence Community, will inform the MTCR-IG of relevant intelligence findings and assessments and will provide the Chairman with material for use in developing official communications with foreign governments about improper export activities. The CIA representative and the Chairman will develop necessary arrangements for Intelligence Community contributions in support of the policies and decisions taken by the MTCR-IG.

The Missile Technology Coordinating Group (MTCG), created in 1986 as a working-level interagency body, will continue to function under the MTCR-IG. It will handle routine MTCR implementation, develop and recommend strategies for MTCR expansion, and deal with export reviews in the first instance. It will continue to be chaired by a PM representative. Disputes over export licensing action and recommendations of the MTCG, including license approvals/denials, approaches to foreign governments, and formal tasking of the Intelligence Community, will be referred to the Chairman of the MTCR-IG for interagency resolution. In addition, membership on teams meeting with foreign governments will be approved by the Assistant Secretary (PM) or, when substantial negotiations are envisioned, by me under Circular 175 procedures.

Interagency disputes which are not resolved at the MTCG or within the MTCR-IG may be elevated to the Senior Interagency Group for Strategic Technology Affairs (SIG-TT) or the Arms Transfer Management Group (ATMG), as appropriate, for review.

I would appreciate having the names of your agency's representatives for both the MTCR-IG and the MTCG sent or telephoned to William Gerard, Bureau of Politico-Military

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Affairs, Office of Strategic Technology Analysis (PM/STA),
647-4930 by September 30, 1987. Thank you, and I am looking
forward to working with your agency on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ed Derwinski".

Edward J. Derwinski

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